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Serial No. 09/655,964 )

Filed September 6, 2000 )

HIGHLY BRANCHED PRIMARY ALCOHOL )  
COMPOSITIONS, AND BIODEGRADABLE )  
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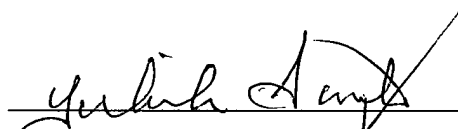
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